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'I am not a part of this'

PERFORMERS

Good clowns fearful for their safety, reputation

Nicole Gnazdowsky
For Metro | Halifax

Not everyone dressing up as clowns are bad guys.

But Jarrod Brooks is concerned that if people continue to dress as creepy clowns and jump out at people, then when he brings his Pennywise the clown costume to Hal-Con next month he could be in trouble.

"I've seen comments saying if people see a clown they're going to assault them and people need to know that that's not everyone," said Brooks on Wednesday.

Brooks has been dressing like Pennywise, a character from Stephen King's horror novel, *It*, for the past two years and has spent almost \$1,000 perfecting his costume.

"If I'm walking from my hotel to the convention I'm afraid that I may be approached by someone, either be an officer saying 'why are you doing this?' Or be assaulted by someone else. I'll have my wife with me, and that's terrifying," he said.

Brooks said he always goes

out of his way to warn organizers and fellow attendees before showing up as Pennywise because he knows how much it can scare people.

"This is not who I am, I want everyone to have fun, I am not a part of this," he said.

Brooks' concerns come on the heels of creepy clown sightings around local schools, and a Tuesday incident in southwestern Nova Scotia where a 24-year-old man in a clown mask was arrested after he grabbed at the clothing of a young boy.

Mike Hirschbach, artistic director for the Halifax Circus School, said he spent years traveling with Cirque de Soleil performing his clown routine. He still hopes that people will be able to make the distinction between good clowns and bad.

"It's a joyful activity that involves the audience, provokes laughter and amazement, so it is diametrically opposite to what is being presented in the news as clowns right now," he said.

Miles Leahy, or Milo 'T' Clown, has been a clown for 32 years. As the Second Vice President of Clowns Canada, and a member of the World Clown Association, he hopes this trend won't change public views on professional clowns, but said it is disheartening to see.

"This is disturbing, it's disappointing," said Leahy. "I'm just really saddened by this."

"I'm just really saddened by this."

Miles Leahy



Jarrod Brooks dressed as Pennywise. CONTRIBUTED

POLICE

Human remains identified

Police have identified the human remains discovered by a hunter in the Spider Lake area on Saturday evening.

In a media release issued Wednesday afternoon, police said an investigation was conducted by the Nova Scotia Medical Examiner's Office and the RCMP Forensic Identification Section.

They confirmed the remains to be those of Cordell Stephen Weare, 50, of Dartmouth.

Weare was reported missing to the Halifax Regional Police when he disappeared after leaving his Dartmouth home on Nov. 24, 2013. METRO

RESTAURANT

Foggy Goggle moving

Argyle Street staple the Foggy Goggle announced Wednesday that it will be moving north to Gottingen Street.

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School board 'impacts every single person', member says

ELECTIONS

Board helps keep 'focus on education'



Haley Ryan
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Dave Wright knows many people's eyes glaze over at the mention of the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB).

But for those heading to the ballot Oct. 15, HRSB member Wright said voters should keep the board's vital roles in mind: keeping the next generation safe and well-educated, and ensuring party politics stay off the table.

"The biggest thing that frustrates me is when people think that school boards don't impact them," Wright, acclaimed member for District 8 (Lower Sackville/Upper Sackville) said in a recent interview.

"Educating our kids actually impacts every single person in our province. If we don't do a good job ... our province will decline, and we really need to make sure that we put a focus on education."

Wright just finished his first term after deciding to run for a seat in the last election. He originally ran in light of his children's school being up for review, and fighting that at the time.

He went through a huge transition over the last few years from being wary of HRSB staff and the board itself, Wright



Dave Wright, an acclaimed school board member for District 8. JEFF HARPER/METRO

If we don't do a good job our province will decline.
Dave Wright

said, to trusting their intentions.

"People have the right things in mind, they just might not necessarily be going about it the same way I would have at the time," Wright said.

That distrust between citizens and the board is some-

thing the HRSB has been trying to tackle, Wright said, through changing their governance model and school review process to include more consultations, rather than dictating changes.

He's also hoping with more engagement, residents might

realize what exactly the board is responsible for, Wright said. That includes budgets based on funding from the province, "high-level system guidance," oversight, and policy, while the province controls curriculum and where schools are built.

While Wright said it sounds a "bit boring," those policies impact every child, and having 10 lay people with day jobs carrying out board duties part-time (eight districts, plus the elected African Nova Scotian

and appointed Mi'kmaq seats), brings in a more diverse and grounded voice than elsewhere in government.

He said there will always be that opinion that school boards may not be required, leaving the province to do the work.

"But ultimately ... that non-partisan voice is really critical in making sure that decisions are actually in the best interests of the local area, rather than maybe the local party," Wright said.

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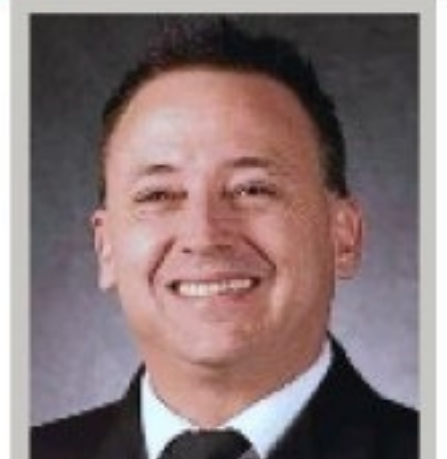
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CLARIFICATION



Patrice Deschenes.
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Metro Halifax incorrectly published Conseil communautaire du Grand-Havre (CCGH) candidate Patrice Deschenes' name as HRM candidate Russell Walker in the Oct. 5 edition of our paper. Metro regrets this error.



Ebrahim Kiani-Moghadam with his daughter Vania, 7, after being officially being sworn in.

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'I am really glad to be here today'

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ceremony sees two dozen new citizens sworn into Canada



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

She's only 7, but Vania Kiani-Moghadam, was excited and proud to take her oath of Canadian citizenship on Wednesday.

"It means a lot to me. My favourite part is the stores of Canada. I like the stores. I like their food. My favourite food is the chicken that they have," she shyly said in an interview after the citizenship ceremony at Government House in Halifax.

Vania and her father, Ebrahim Kiani-Moghadam, were among the 24 new Canadians representing 10 differ-

ent countries who received their citizenship on Wednesday morning.

Originally from Iran, Kiani-Moghadam said they moved to Canada five years ago. He came to Nova Scotia almost three years ago. He now works full time as a dentist.

"We moved here five years ago to have a better life, for the freedom and to be in a modern country. I am really glad to be here today," he said.

Nearby, Mariam Ebeid joined her family of five as they all officially became Canadian citizens. The 17-year-old arrived from Egypt 10 years ago with her family.

"The most important thing for me coming here was education ... I'm going to university and so to be a Canadian citizen feels really good," Ebeid said.

Omar Abdellatif came to Canada from Egypt five years ago. He described the ceremony as "overwhelming."

"Especially at the moment when you're actually doing

the oath," he said.

"You go, 'Oh it's the oath. You'll be fine.' But when you're actually in the moment, you go 'This is happening.' It was surreal but I'm very happy."

Angelie Mejorada, her husband and two of her three children also became Canadian citizens. She arrived in Canada from the Philippines seven years ago, and her youngest child was born here.

"I just love it and my kids really enjoy it here. It was a different feeling, a different experience at this ceremony," Mejorada said.

"It was a good day for us. We've been looking forward to this day as a family. It has been wonderful."



We moved here to have a better life, for the freedom.

Ebrahim Kiani-Moghadam

EDUCATION

Teachers reject agreement, set stage for labour tensions

Nova Scotia public school teachers have voted decisively to reject another tentative contract agreement, setting the stage for wider public sector labour tensions with the Liberal government.

One member of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union who voted "No" said he was determined to send a clear message that teachers are willing to take job action and to fight threatened legislation that would impose wage freezes on all public sector workers.

"We were perceived as being weak, jelly-kneed and that we would bend to their pressure and their will and that hasn't proven to be the case," said Paul Wozney, a high school teacher in Halifax who sits on a union local executive.

It is the second time rank-and-file members rejected the executive's recommendation to accept a contract.

The Tuesday vote saw 70 per cent of the 9,000-member teachers' union voting down the deal, with a 94 per cent turnout. Teachers rejected an earlier, four-year settlement in a vote last November by a 61 per cent margin.

The teachers may also be-



Education Minister Karen Casey. METRO FILE

come the first union to resist the province's yet-to-be-proclaimed public sector salary bill, which would impose a wage freeze for two years, followed by a three per cent raise over the next two years.

That's the issue that Wozney says he and other teachers are willing to do battle with, confounding the government's expectation that the teachers' union would "bend to their will" more willingly than more militant unions representing health and other public sector employees.

"A lot of people voted 'No' because they don't believe

that (Premier) Stephen McNeil has the right to impose unconstitutional legislation that erodes our charter rights," he said.

Wozney says the teachers' vote will bring the labour conflict between the public sector workers and the Liberal government to a head.

"We're prepared to do what it takes to fight them. That's what this vote says," he said.

In a news conference on Wednesday, the education minister said it's too early to say if the province would pass anti-strike legislation or invoke Bill 148 to bring in wage restraint on public sector workers.

"Bill 148 will not get us a new agreement. We know Bill 148 has been passed in the legislature, but we are not looking at 148. We are waiting for the teachers to get back and let us know what their next steps are," Karen Casey said.

The province says it has put additional funding into education and sticking to its fiscal plan allows it to continue investing in public education.

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POLITICS

Queer Arab group's motion to remove materials loses

A resolution that would have removed a pro-Israel campaign from a Halifax Pride event was defeated by a majority vote at the organization's annual general meeting.

The motion, which was brought forward Wednesday by the group Queer Arabs of Halifax, was rejected by a vote of 210 to 106 with five abstentions.

The group says the "Size doesn't matter" campaign materials, that were part of a booth hosted by the Atlantic Jewish Council at the Halifax Pride Society's community fair, is not acceptable amidst international condemnations against Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

The materials promote LGBTQ life in Israel and tourism in Tel Aviv.

The Atlantic Jewish council opposed the resolutions over concerns of freedom of expression.

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Participants register at the Halifax Pride annual general meeting in Halifax on Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Case of intimate photos a cautionary tale: Prosecutor

The high-profile trial of six Nova Scotia teens charged with sharing intimate images of at least 20 high school girls should serve as a cautionary tale for other young people, a prosecutor says.

Crown attorney Peter Dostal said it's hoped it will both encourage alleged victims to come forward to report similar cases, and show the consequences of sharing images without consent.

"What the hope would be is that the presence of these individuals going through court does make live the fact that these aren't consequence-less acts and that there are real victims who can suffer real harms," he said after a Bridgewater provincial court hearing Wednesday.

The case was put over to Oct. 19 to allow lawyers time to receive more of the disclosure, which includes thousands of pages of evidence from several electronic devices that were seized in the lengthy investigation.

Two 18-year-olds and four 15-year-olds are facing charges of distributing intimate images without consent and possessing and distributing child pornography. Their identities are protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The lawyer for one teen says



Bridgewater, N.S. The high-profile trial of six Nova Scotia teens charged with sharing intimate images of at least 20 high school girls has been adjourned until Oct. 19.

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he hopes the case can proceed quickly to shield all of the young people from the fallout.

Alan Ferrier said the case has already been affecting the alleged victims and accused for more than a year, following a lengthy investigation into allegations that images of teen girls were circulated after allegedly being shared without their consent in a Dropbox account.

"You're talking about young people whose lives are in the balance," he said. "The consequences for young people in their lives is enormous, so it's been a long haul for them already."

The case is one of the first in Canada involving legislation introduced in late 2013 after the high-profile death of Nova Scotia teen Rehtaeh Parsons. The 17-year-old attempted suicide and was taken off life support after a digital photo of what her family says was a sexual assault was circulated among students at her school in Cole Harbour, N.S.

Dostal said that while the alleged offences may not be unique, the law used to prosecute the crime of distributing such images has given the legal system an updated tool to address the problem. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus

Day 4: Dearth of data

No appetite for answers

Schools aren't collecting useful data on sexual assaults, and no one seems keen to make them



Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

When it comes to campus sexual assault in this country, simple questions do not net simple answers. Asking for the national number of sexual assaults is easy. But here's the truth: We have absolutely no idea. We don't even attempt to know the answer.

And we're unlikely to any time soon.

When the Toronto Star tried to get a handle on the national number of campus sexual assaults back in 2014, the effort proved fairly fruitless. Some schools collected data. Some did not. Some posted data publicly, and some did not. And because what data did exist wasn't collected in a consistent manner, it was impossible to make meaningful comparisons between schools.

The CBC didn't fare much better in 2015. It found just 700 reported cases on 87 campuses between 2009 and 2013. But according

to academic studies in the U.S., between one-in-five and one-in-three women will experience a sexual assault on campus. Applying those proportions to Canada suggests between 230,000 and 360,000 assaults among the 1.1 million women that Statistics Canada recorded as enrolled at Canada's post-secondary schools in the 2013-2014 academic year, when the agency last counted.

So even if all schools could be counted on to record and publicize every formally reported sexual assault, the results wouldn't come close to representing the true number of victims. Many survivors simply don't tell their schools anything.

For those who do tell their schools about assaults or harassment, there's often a choice between making a formal complaint — thereby submitting to whatever investigation or adjudication process accompanies that — or keeping the complaint informal, appealing to campus administration not for justice but merely for support and accommodation with regard to, say, housing arrangements or class schedules.

A recent Globe and Mail investigation found that only 10 per cent of reports from a sample of 20 Canadian schools became formal complaints. Crucially, many schools don't include informal complaints — the



Stanford students in Palo Alto, Calif., wear a 1/3 sign on their caps during graduation in June to show solidarity for a rape victim. The 1/3 represents a statistic that claims one in three students will experience a sexual assault by the time they graduate college. GABRIELLE LURIE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

remaining 90 per cent of reported cases — in the publicly reported data. And, of course, many don't publicize data at all.

Take, for example, the University of Toronto, which unlike many schools has collected and made public some sexual-assault data since 2011. An information request by student paper the Strand discovered 137 cases in which a sexual assault was disclosed and 22 formal reports at the university in 2015, with zero expulsions. Meanwhile, campus security data shows only three formal sexual-assault reports in 2015 and seven in 2014.

The discrepancy demonstrates the problems that remain even when schools bother to collect and publicize data. But most schools

10%

Percentage of reports that become formal complaints, according to the Globe and Mail

in the country aren't legally required to do even that much — let alone do so according to standardized methods that could produce useful school-to-school and province-to-province comparisons.

Ontario's new sexual violence and harassment law, Bill 132, does include data and disclosure requirements, as does a private member's bill being considered in Manitoba. But

B.C.'s Liberal government amended similar provisions out of a private member's bill in its legislature.

In the absence of mandated disclosure, students have no way of knowing how many assault and harassment victims have engaged their schools' disciplinary processes. In the odd math of sexual assault, high formal reporting rates may actually suggest that a school is doing something right, that students and staff trust the process — or, at least, that they can figure out how to access it.

According to Michele Dauber, a law professor at Stanford University and a prominent critic of U.S. sexual-assault policy, Canadian students won't be well served until the entire post-secondary sector gets

on the same page.

"We have to have data and it has to be public," she said, "because that creates an unstoppable force of public pressure for change."

The biggest problem with government efforts to date, on both sides of the border, she said, is that they don't include victimization surveys. Students at every university and college should take "the same, uniform, anonymous" survey, she said, so that data is comparable across campuses. And it should be publicly available and searchable for all students.

If the U.S., which requires schools to report formal complaints of sexual assaults, had that kind of system, "this problem would have been solved 10 years ago."

About the series

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The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

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The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

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The U.S.'s laws and White House directives combine to create more rigorous requirements for schools.

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We don't know how big the problem is because no one is incentivized to find out.

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LABOUR

Equal pay to be compelled

The Trudeau government will bring in legislation in 2018 to compel all employers in federally regulated sectors to ensure men and women get equal pay for work of equal value.

The legislation will take a "proactive" approach to pay equity, focused on helping employers comply with the law rather than forcing employees to lodge complaints about discriminatory wages, Employment Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk said Wednesday.

Forcing workers to file com-

plaints - and even go to court - to get equal pay has proved to be "burdensome, costly and unfair to workers," she said.

In effect, the Liberals are going to bring back an approach to pay equity that they initiated 12 years ago but which was shelved by Stephen Harper's Conservative government.

The legislation will apply to 874,000 workers and 10,800 employers, including federal public servants and employees of Crown corporations and federally regulated companies such as

banks, airlines, telephone and cable companies and a radio and television broadcasters.

Between now and 2018, the government intends to consult with employers to craft legislation that doesn't "unduly" burden them, Status of Women Minister Patty Hajdu said.

New Democrat MPs expressed disappointment and frustration that the government is telling women to wait another 18 months before they'll get pay equity.

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LAW

Judicial Council asking for more disciplinary options

The Canadian Judicial Council wants more flexibility when it comes to deciding how a federally appointed judge should be disciplined for misconduct.

"At the present time, the only true sanction that can be imposed on a judge who engages in misconduct is bleak: recommend their removal," the council wrote in a position paper released Wednesday.

The council is asking the Liberal government to amend the Judicial Act to give it the

formal authority to impose range of remedial measures or sanctions instead, while also retaining the authority to recommend that the federal justice minister remove a judge if necessary.

"We reject the notion that any transgression must be ignored unless it is so grave as to warrant a judge's removal," the council wrote.

The ideas for reform come as a panel is in deliberations following a disciplinary hear-

ing for Federal Court Justice Robin Camp, who was a provincial court judge in Calgary when he asked a sex assault complainant why she didn't keep her knees together.

Public disciplinary hearings that consider whether a judge should be removed from the bench are rare.

The vast majority of the 150 complaints the council receives every year are either dismissed or dealt with behind closed doors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ENVIRONMENT

Commons votes to ratify global climate agreement

The House of Commons voted Wednesday to ratify the Paris agreement on climate change, cementing a cornerstone of the Liberal government's environmental policy and helping to tip the scales on the global deal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

After proposed amendments went down to defeat, the motion to ratify the deal passed by a margin of 207 to 81, with the New Democrats voting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his majority Liberal caucus.

The Opposition Conservatives, who tried to amend the motion to do away with Trudeau's controversial carbon-pricing plan, voted against ratifying the accord.

Wednesday's vote — paired with similar expressions of sup-

port from the European Union and Nepal — means the deal comes into force in 30 days, after the number of countries ratifying the accord passed a key threshold.

The agreement, which calls for emissions reductions limiting global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees C, only takes effect 30 days after it is adopted by 55 countries repre-

mechanism, either a cap-and-trade plan or carbon price, of at least \$10 per tonne of emissions in 2018, rising to \$50 a tonne in 2022.

The Conservatives had said they would not support the motion without an amendment, which went down to defeat Wednesday, that would have forced the Liberal government to abandon its carbon-pricing plan.

Earlier in the day, Conservative environment critic Ed Fast said his party supports the agreement Canada signed on to in Paris, but stands opposed to Trudeau's decision to tie that agreement to the carbon price.

Environment Minister Catherine McKenna accused the Conservatives of playing politics with the vote.

"This is about a future — the future for my kids, for his kids, for our grandkids," she said. "This is about setting us up, so let's stop playing politics. Let's agree that we need to move forward and have a climate plan, and that's what we're doing."

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sending at least 55 per cent of global emissions.

The debate over Paris became contentious earlier this week when Trudeau announced plans to impose a minimum carbon price on provinces and territories that have not done it themselves.

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Guterres the top choice to lead UN

POLITICS

Former PM of Portugal slated to be the world body's next chief

Portugal's former prime minister Antonio Guterres won the Security Council's unanimous backing Wednesday to become the next UN secretary-general, winning plaudits for his strong leadership but disappointing campaigners for a woman or East European to be the world's top diplomat for the first time.

The veteran politician and diplomat, who served as the UN's

refugee chief until December, topped all six informal polls in the council after his performance in the first-ever question-and-answer sessions in the 193-member General Assembly, which received high marks from almost every diplomat.

Britain's UN Ambassador Matthew Rycroft said the assembly hearings showed that Guterres "was an outstanding candidate ... who will take the United Nations to the next level in terms of leadership" and will provide "a moral authority at a time when the world is divided on issues, above all like Syria."

Russia's UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current Security Council president, appeared before reporters surrounded by the 14 other council ambassadors after the sixth informal poll of the 10 remaining candidates was held behind closed doors saying: "You are witnessing, I think, a historic scene."

Churkin then thanked all the candidates saying they displayed "a lot of wisdom, understanding and concern for the fate of the



Antonio Guterres

world" and announced: "We have a clear favourite, and his name is Antonio Guterres."

He said the Security Council would hold a formal vote on Thursday morning and expressed hope that the council will recommend Guterres by "acclamation" to the 193-member General Assembly, which must approve a successor to Ban Ki-moon whose second five-year term ends on Dec. 31.

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REFUGEES ANOTHER MASS CROSSING OF RIVER Greek police detained 214 Syrian refugees after they crossed a river that forms a natural border with Turkey, authorities said Wednesday. The announcement marked the second recent mass crossing of the Evros River — 107 refugees were detained in the same border area last week. Migrants are seeking alternative routes to the E.U. after a crackdown on crossings to the Greek islands started in March. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Matthew aims for the Bahamas

Rescue workers in Haiti struggled to reach isolated towns and learn the full extent of the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew as the powerful storm battered the Bahamas on Wednesday and triggered large-scale evacuations along the U.S. East Coast.

At least 11 deaths were blamed on the hurricane during its weeklong march across the Caribbean, five of them in Haiti. But with a key bridge washed out, roads impassable and phone communications down, the western tip of Haiti remained cut off a day after Matthew made landfall and there was no full accounting of the dead and injured in its wake.

After moving past Haiti, Matthew rolled across a corner of Cuba and then began pounding the southern Bahamas with winds of 195 km/h and heavy rain on a course expected to take it near the capital city of Nassau during the night.



A woman is carried across the river La Digue in Petit Goave where the bridge collapsed during the rains of the Hurricane Matthew, southwest of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forecasters said the storm could hit Florida — or come dangerously close — Thursday evening and then sideswipe the East Coast all the way up to the Carolinas over the weekend. Matthew could become the first major hurricane to blow ashore in the U.S. since Wilma slashed across Florida in 2005, killing five people.

Nearly 2 million people along the lower East Coast were urged to evacuate their homes.

"If you're able to go early, leave now," Florida Gov. Rick Scott warned.

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IN BRIEF

Syria's Aleppo pledge
Syria's military command says it will scale back its bombardment of Aleppo to allow civilians to evacuate the contested city's eastern, rebel-held

neighbourhoods.
In a statement carried on the state news agency Wednesday, the military command said civilians wishing to leave eastern Aleppo could move to

the city's government-held western side. The UN says 275,000 people are trapped inside the government's siege of the city's east.
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BOB HEPBURN ON CANADIAN XENOPHOBIA



It's clear that Canada is not as warm to and accepting of immigrants as many would like to believe. Indeed, a backlash against more immigration appears to be spreading

I was saddened and appalled when the emails from readers began to pour in after I wrote last week about how it would be wrong to dismiss Kellie Leitch's plan to screen potential immigrants as silly or unpopular.

For days my email inbox was flooded with angry, anti-immigrant rhetoric from readers who believe Leitch, who is seeking the federal Conservative leadership, is on the right path with her call for tighter screening to weed out potential newcomers and refugees found to hold "anti-Canadian values."

The emails arrived at the same time as the release of a new poll by the Angus Reid Institute conducted for the CBC that found 68 per cent of those surveyed want to see minorities doing more to "fit in" to mainstream society.

The survey also suggested more Canadians actually take a tougher line than Americans when it comes to believing that minority groups should assimilate or "try to change" once they arrive in their new country.

Worse, that view seems to have hardened over the last two decades, according to the pollsters.

Taken together with polls earlier this year that indicate nearly half of Canadians opposed Ottawa's plan to accept 25,000 Syrian refugees,

What's despicable is that Kellie Leitch and others are fuelling hatred of newcomers who don't look and act like the majority of Canadians.

the latest poll and the emails to me make it clear that Canada is not as warm to and accepting of immigrants as many would like to believe.

Indeed, a backlash against more immigration appears

Immigration Minister John McCallum is to table the plan in November, but is already facing some resistance from Liberal MPs who are sensing the extent of opposition to more newcomers



Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch talks to reporters at a caucus retreat in Halifax on Sept. 14. THE CANADIAN PRESS

to be spreading — and especially against refugees from war-torn areas such as Syria and other Muslim-dominant countries.

And regrettably, some politicians like Leitch are trying to exploit that backlash for their own political gains.

Nick Kouvalis, who is Leitch's campaign manager, said on Facebook that the Angus Reid Institute poll suggests "what regular people already know. Something that the out-of-touch elites in this country refuse to accept."

Importantly, the anti-immigrant sentiment seems to be growing just as Ottawa is preparing to introduce a new, three-year plan for immigration that could "substantially increase" the number of newcomers allowed to enter Canada each year.

in their own ridings.

Just last week Statistics Canada reported 320,932 immigrants arrived in Canada in the 12-month period ending July 1. That's the largest number recorded since the agency started to track such statistics in 1971. It was also 33 per cent higher than the previous year, marking the biggest growth since the mid-1980s.

So what are the anti-immigrant readers actually saying? Here's a sample:

"Good for you Kellie, no more illiterate backward ragheads," a Whitby reader wrote in words scrawled across my column that had been ripped from the paper.

"I live in a new subdivision and I swear the Canada I grew up in no longer exists," another reader said in an email. "I'm sure Kel-

lie's supporters must be saying enough is enough and finally coming out to voice their feelings. It would be interesting to see how quickly the Liberals would change their holier-than-thou attitude if a terrorist walked into the Eaton Centre in Toronto and killed 200 shoppers."

"We are already making too many concessions to aliens which weaken a homogeneous society," wrote another reader. "My kids cannot hear the Lord's Prayer, but Muslims are allowed to use the gym for noon prayers. Whose country is this? The will of the majority should prevail. Do not let those camels in my tent!"

And on Facebook, one person wrote: "Fit In or F*** Off. This is Canada. You want to preserve your culture, preserve it in private and in the comfort of your home."

Such comments are shameful. They represent a throwback to the 1950s and 1960s before Ottawa made multiculturalism official government policy and actively encouraged immigration.

But what's more despicable is that Leitch and others are tapping into this unsavory populist groundswell, helping to fuel fears and hatred of newcomers who don't look and act like the majority of Canadians.

To counter the growing mood against more immigrants, it is critical that compassionate Canadians are aware of what's happening and speak up — loudly and often — in defence of those under unfair and unjustified attack.

If they remain silent, the anti-immigrant mood will only fester and grow — and that will be good for none of us.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Good to know that my government cares about racism — sometimes

When a fan throws a beer can at a Jays game, you know the Ontario Attorney General's going to have something to say about it.

And sure enough, that kind of bad behaviour just won't be tolerated.

Fans ought to be "responsible and respectful" Yasir Naqvi told the Sun newspaper. Beer can throwing? Definite no-no. But it makes for a great headline. And even better Twitter investigation fodder for journalists (one even found the perp!).

Less fun and a much less popular headline: Jays fans spew racial slurs at opposing Orioles. That's what some Orioles players said they got, instead of a beer can.

Naqvi has some words there, too: "I think we all know that if there are ever racial slurs used towards anybody then that's unacceptable in the society we live in."

Well, phew. So glad he said it. Because, you know, he might want to talk to a few Ontario police forces.

Yesterday, APTN reported that Thunder Bay police have suspended one officer and put four more on administrative duties in the wake of racist comments posted to the Facebook page of The Chronicle Journal newspaper.

Here's the alleged post of Const. Robert Steudle, suspended with pay: "Natives are killing natives and it's the white man's fault natives are drunk and on the street and its white man's fault natives

are homeless and its white man's fault and now natives are lying about how they are treated by white men an explanation is given and it's the white men who are lying. Well let's stop giving the natives money and see how that goes."

Over in Ottawa, Sgt. Chris Hrnchiar remains on active duty after allegedly posting this below the Ottawa Citizen report of the death of famed Inuk artist Annie Pootookook: "And of course this has nothing to do with missing and murdered Aboriginal women.....it's not a murder case.....it's could be a suicide, accidental, she got drunk and fell in the river and drowned who knows.....typically many Aboriginals have very short lifespans, talent or not."

Hrnchiar went on: "Because much of the aboriginal population in Canada is just satisfied being alcohol or drug abusers, living in poor conditions etc..... They have to have the will to change, it's not society's fault."

Ottawa police are investigating the comments, but the chief said that police, like everyone, will have "conscious or unconscious biases," which should not impact their work.

That's a funny, roundabout way of saying we need to fight racism in police forces. Like, you know, the drunken Indian stereotype, or the idea that a whole class of people deserves poverty, lack of education, access to clean water, to health, safety, and freedom.

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ANALYSIS

Why the unmasking of Elena Ferrante caused outrage

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



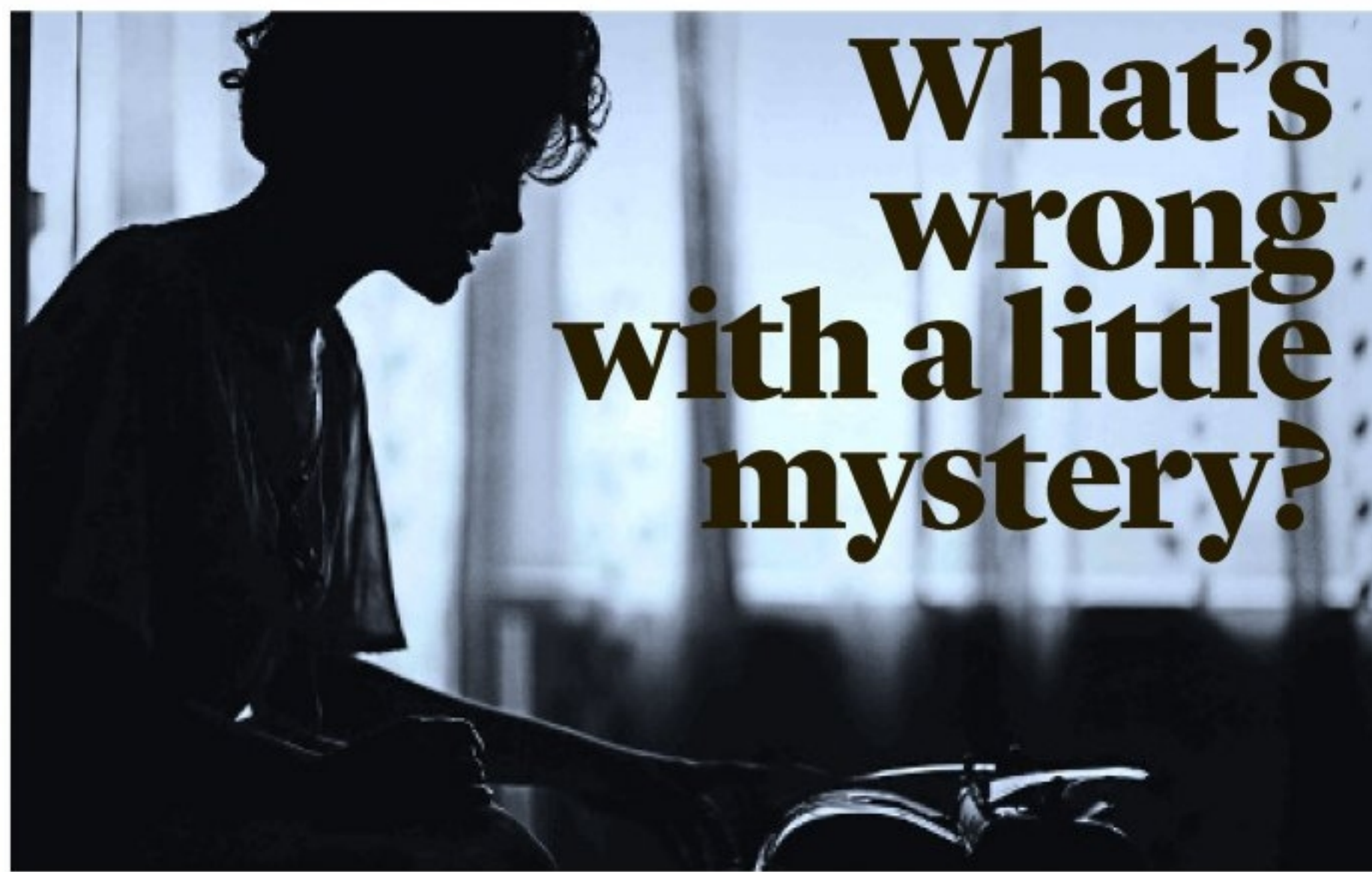
What is it exactly that we expect from our authors these days? It's not enough to just write a novel anymore — a gruelling enough feat — or endure the occasional book signing, writers are now expected to engage with readers on social media like never before.

It comes naturally to some: Margaret Atwood, who is a Twitter pro, once drew superhero costumes for two comics-loving followers, and Joyce Carol Oates — who never seems to sleep — tweets constantly about politics, her feed peppered with photos of cats and city gardens.

Thanks to social media, we know that Stephen King loves the Netflix show *Stranger Things* and cranking up *Grandmaster Flash* on Saturday nights.

Social media, while allowing minor glimpses into the lives of public figures, has also created a false sense of personal connection with fans. Ironically, it's Elena Ferrante's absence from this world that has made her a literary phenomenon.

On Sunday, after writer Claudio Gatti claimed to have discovered her identity and outed



What's wrong with a little mystery?

her in *The New York Review of Books*, fans of the pseudonymous best-selling Italian author reacted swiftly with anger.

I'm sure that the *Review* editors expected readers to be grateful, and you can't blame them, really; after all, we live in a TMZ world that devoured all the sordid details of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's split.

But in a few interviews, Ferrante has been adamant that her

cherished anonymity is what allows her to focus on her craft, and if she were to be revealed, she would stop writing.

Fans, including notables like Salman Rushdie, rushed to defend her privacy, and their own right to not know.

Until now, Ferrante has enjoyed the best of both worlds. She could lead her life and pursue her profession on her own terms. Meanwhile — and with-

out her ever participating — the delicious secret surrounding her identity became her "personal brand" (another repercussion of the online world: authors must now market themselves like products).

After the English translation of her four-novel Neapolitan series became cultishly popular, tourism in Naples, where the books are set, increased thanks to what's been dubbed "Ferrante

fever."

Even local pizza parlours are naming pies after her.

Last year I spoke to Paula Hawkins, author of one of the biggest books in the world, *The Girl on the Train*, about the personal effects of massive success.

"I'm not recognized, so I can go back and live the same normal life, which is lovely," she said.

Hawkins is active on Twitter (after the *Review of Books* Fer-

rante article came out, she posted "Leave her the hell alone") and attends public events, but that is her professional decision.

Over the years, the notoriously reclusive author Thomas Pynchon has endured his own share of snooping.

There's even an annual Pynchon in Public Day on May 8, but it's a good-natured event, where fans are encouraged to post photos of themselves reading the author's books. And when Pynchon made a cameo appearance on *The Simpsons* wearing a paper bag adorned with a question mark, it was a knowing wink: he's in on the joke, too.

But what happened to Ferrante, and ultimately to her die-hard fans, was not funny. Even when the media attaches a name to British street artist Banksy — whose identity is the biggest mysteries in the cultural world — there has never been this kind of backlash.

Some speculate there's a deep undercurrent of misogyny, that a woman's space has been once again violated, despite her pleas for anonymity.

But perhaps in a world where so much information is available to us, and we can find out what George R.R. Martin ate for breakfast, a little mystery is actually a welcome and needed respite.

It was all about falling in love with Ferrante's books, not clicking the Like button.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

INTERVIEW

Author dug deep into ego-driven crimes of Russian ballet

Princeton University music professor Simon Morrison had been spending a lot of time in Moscow doing research when the news broke in 2013 that Sergei Filin, the artistic director for the Bolshoi Ballet, had been severely burned and almost blinded after acid was thrown in his face by an anonymous attacker.

Morrison had contacts within the theatre, and so was encouraged by his agent to write a story about the attack and his personal observations of one of the world's most venerable dance companies.

He met with Filin and members of his inner circle, but at this point, no one knew that the mastermind behind the violence was a volatile, ego-driven solo Bolshoi dancer named Pavel Dmitrichenko,

who was angry at Filin for not casting his girlfriend in lead roles.

"I was talking with the theatre about this case in the darkest moment of it, when it was unclear why it had happened and who was responsible, and there were all these rumours swirling," Morrison says.

Even after Dmitrichenko was charged and imprisoned, Morrison was hooked by the story.

He continued to dig deep through various city archives to learn more, and discovered this crime wasn't an isolated incident in the Bolshoi's tumultuous 240-year history.

"It had always been a tempest," he says.

Insiders revealed to Morrison that "this was something

of a horrible sideshow in the history of a really complicated theatrical enterprise," which made him wonder, exactly how did the dysfunctional Bolshoi come to create some of the world's most memorable, breathtaking art?

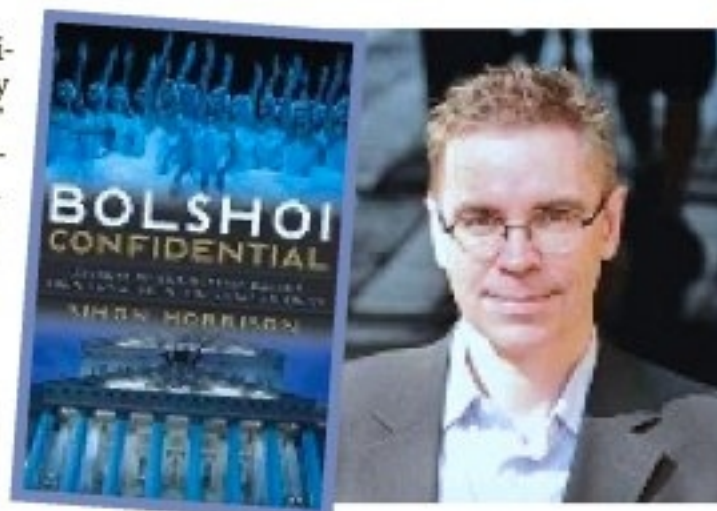
Morrison answers that question in his new book, *Bolshoi Confidential: Secrets of the Russian Ballet from the Rule of the Tsars to Today*, an impressive, sweeping account of the theatre from its beginnings in 1776, under the rule of a charlatan Englishman named Michael Maddox, described as a crimson-cloaked "mathematician or tight-rope walker," depending on which of his anecdotes you believe.

In its early days, the ballet was considered to be a

"second-tier tawdry art form," says Morrison, and there were calls for its abolishment.

The theatre went bankrupt several times, dancers were treated horrifically, and Morrison recounts so many devastating fires and rebuilds, it's almost comical.

Yet, as he observes, "It was during these really, really dark times that these masterpieces came to be, like *Don Quixote* and *Swan Lake*," he says.



Bolshoi Confidential also examines how ballet has been used in Russia over the centuries as a propaganda tool, and how the dance evolved into the gruelling classical form recognized today.

For most of its history, Morrison says, the Bolshoi wasn't about physical perfection; it



This was something of a horrible sideshow in the history of a really complicated theatrical enterprise.

Simon Morrison

was "far more real and gritty and human."

But during the 20th century, and the Communist Party's promotion of the "New Soviet person," Morrison says.

"Ballet became the embodiment of this superhuman athleticism."

SUE CARTER/METRO

No plaguey way! Atwood on Shakespearean insults



Margaret Atwood's latest novel, *Hag-Seed*, is a retelling of *The Tempest*. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

INTERVIEW

A wicked twist in the retelling of *The Tempest* with *Hag-Seed*

Melita Kuburas
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In many ways, Margaret Atwood in person is exactly how you might expect her to be.

She speaks carefully, chin lowered so her celestial blue eyes gaze upwards while making contact with mine. In a half-hour conversation she moves swiftly between references to *The Oresteia*, to Titus Andronicus, to comic books like *Mama Tits Saves the World*. I stop taking notes, praying my recorder doesn't fail, because it feels like I need my total concentration; like my neurons are firing on overdrive. "Be cool; be smart!" I'm thinking.

What's unexpected in meeting Atwood is how her jokes and cultural references remind me of the impish sense of humour from her novels.

By the end of the interview, she's explaining why it's important to be more creative with our cuss words — maybe like the cultured, foulmouthed French. ("I think that the French are extremely inventive with their swearing. Moreso than the English at the moment," she says.)

Her latest book, *Hag-Seed*, takes place in a town that's a train ride away from Toronto

— the Stratford, Ont.-like home of Makeshiweg Theatre Festival where artistic director Felix Phillips has been fired just before he is able to put on his version of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. After going into a self-imposed exile, he begins teaching at a correctional facility where he eventually decides to put the play on with prisoners as the actors and producers. Much like the base material, Atwood's story is one of revenge, imprisonment, and ultimately forgiveness.

But *The Tempest* is a weird play.

"It's not like anything else in Shakespeare," says Atwood, about why she chose to re-imagine it for *The Hogarth Shakespeare Series* (Knopf Canada) that has popular novelists put their own spin on the works of The Bard.

"If you read *The Tempest* closely, you'll realize, as indeed is pointed out, that everybody in it is in prison at some point in their life. Or they're being threatened with it. And the last three words of Prospero are 'set me free.' So 'What is he imprisoned by?' is one of the questions."

Atwood read prison literature to research the theme: A Crowbar in the Buddhist Garden, *Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian*, even *Orange Is the New Black*. But Laura Bates' memoir *Shakespeare Saved My Life* was perhaps most helpful in depicting how criminals relate to the literature.

"She said she got better papers out of those people than she got out of her regular university students because they've been there

done that. Macbeth, they really understood," Atwood jokes.

In addition to the Shakespearean themes of violence, grief and obsession, Atwood's *Hag-Seed* also touches on the benefits of education in prisons, and how a tough-on-crime approach seems outdated. Felix Phillips's nemesis decide to pull the plug on his literacy program, calling it an indulgence.

"I think we really need to re-think what prisons are for," says Atwood. "We know that if you educate people, it gives them a whole new open door," she says.

It also allows people to express themselves in different ways, some more noble than others. Because the prisoners in the book are prone to salty language, Atwood's character bans swear words in the workshops, encouraging the cast to use

Shakespeare's words to insult one another instead. Suddenly, they're referring to one another as "pox brain," "whoreson," "freckled whelp" and "wide-chapp'd rascal."

"Sometimes blocking off one line of communication makes you very inventive in other ways," says Atwood, adding she is a fan of the Shakespearean insult generators online, but doesn't necessarily have a favourite.

She has, however, read Merde!: *The Real French You Were Never Taught at School*, to tap into the ingenious slurs of the French.

"So now I can understand much better what people are saying. I once heard a taxi driver say to another taxi driver, 'So you learned to drive with your ass— or what?'"

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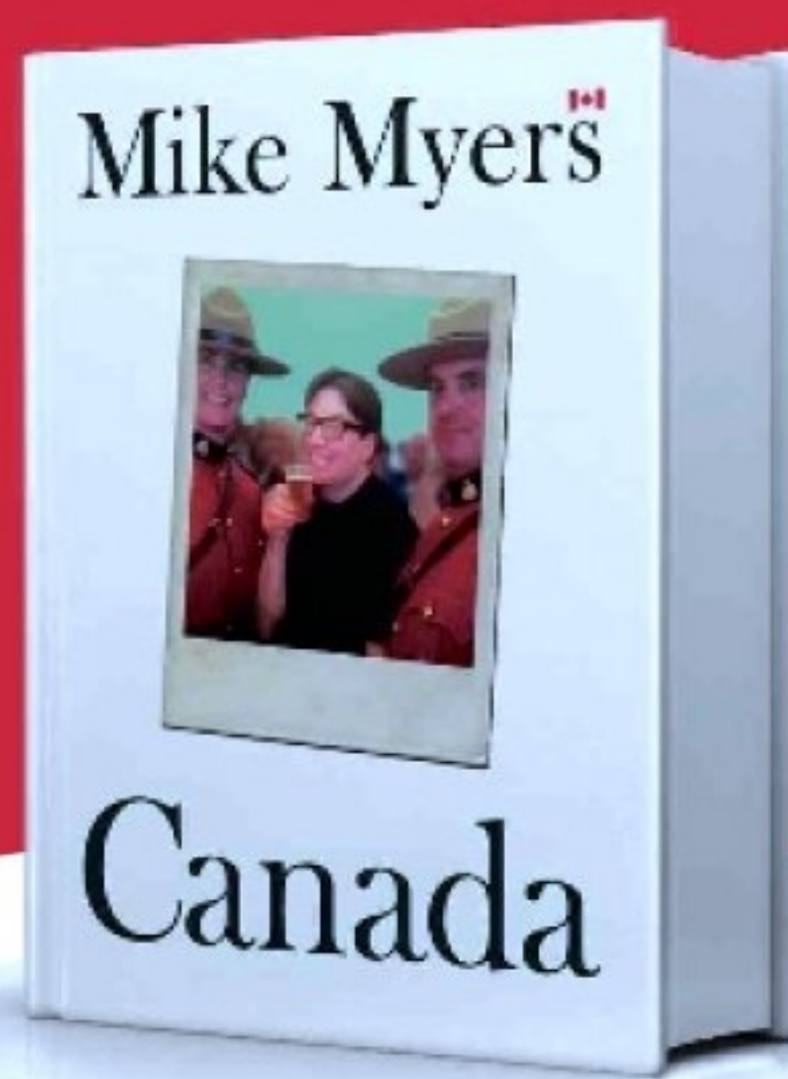
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What a dog's nose knows

RESEARCH

Canines smell the world the way we see it, author argues

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It's a mortifying moment dog owners know too well: Fido sticks his face somewhere it shouldn't be — a garbage can, next to a dead fish, close to a baby's diaper — just to get a good whiff.

Humans should "relax into it" says Alexandra Horowitz, a cognitive scientist whose new book, *Being a Dog*, explores how dogs are "olfactory creatures." The main way they understand the world and communicate is through smell.

And understanding that, she says, can help pet owners understand their furry friends a little better.

You wrote about dogs' sense of smell in your last book, *Inside of a Dog*. What did you want to add?

Inside of a Dog is about what's going on in the mind of a dog. I really only discovered, in the process of researching that book, how primary (the sense of smell) was for dogs. People really responded to that more than anything else. And I wanted to more fully examine it, as a smeller myself.

It's pretty amazing, what dogs can sense by smell. What struck you the most? Being primarily a smelling creature changes your entire experience. It changes your perception utterly. Dogs know the time of day by smell. Their understanding of people's and dogs' identities are more about smell than anything else.

Walking around the street with my dog, in some ways I felt much more alien to their experience than I had before (I wrote this book). I imagine the street looks entirely different — it's made of smell to them, not of sight. It's the most profound difference between humans and dogs. Humans have pretty good noses, but we don't use them that much.

How do you know how a dog experiences the street?

The idea that the dog is pri-

marily olfactory comes from what the dog's genes and brain looks like. Then you look at dogs' behaviour. If we stop looking at a dog as if they are choosing where to go based on their vision, we see that they're rooted in where they look, what they approach, where they want to stop, and how they recognize something — all by smell.

What are the takeaways for pet owners who want to understand their dogs better?

It's (changing the way) you view a lot of their behaviour and misbehaviour — like smelling all over someone who's visiting your home. That is a dog's natural way, and primary way, of seeing the world. To not discourage them from smelling the fire hydrant, or that other dog, but to appreciate that's the way they're going to get information. They're going to have a better social interaction with other dogs, if they can smell them first, as opposed to being pulled away.

Why did you choose to include stories about your dogs, Finnegan and Upton, in *Being a Dog*?

My dogs are in my book because my dogs are in my life. As soon as I do research with dogs, I look at my own dogs differently, and I think that's an important step. I'm trying to be a recounter of the experience of the dog, and that means everybody's dog.

Can you pinpoint a moment when you saw your dog do something and said, "Oh, that's my finding in action?"

There have been a couple of lovely things with Finnegan. I realized that he sneezes when he finishes investigating something with his nose. It's his way of finishing a project and making his nose available for the next thing as we walk down the street.

I love that moment, and now I see it all the time, punctuating his days.

I also started doing nose work games with him. Nose work is a kind of organized game for dogs, where they progressively learn to find objects in more and more hidden environments. It kind of mimics what a detection dog would do,

but with benign scents.

One time — and it could have been entirely a coincidence — he found a lost object, a day book, that I was tearing apart the house looking for. He calmly sniffed his way right over to it and pointed with his nose. That is the type of thing that dogs are showing us all the time, it's only we don't know what they're seeing, so we don't see it as communication.

Is there one surprising fact or tidbit about dogs' smelling powers?

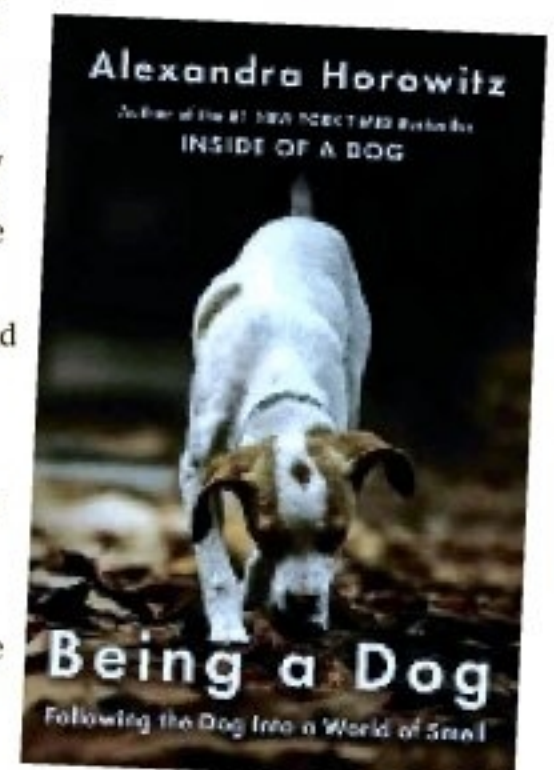
We all know dogs have a good nose, but exactly how good it is is always surprising. I've had people return to me (after reading *Being a Dog*) and say, "You know, I took 15 minutes to walk down the street because I bothered to stop and smell the tree trunk in front of me or nose the paint on the mailbox."

They're delighted by the opening up of a sense. It's like a superpower we've actually always had, but we don't bother to use. And this is inspired by the dog approach to the world. Stick your nose into something and smell it, and we can see something that we didn't see before.



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Alexandra Horowitz



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Jewelry organizer doubles as decor

DIY

Heirloom brooches can be pinned and organized

Don't hide pretty jewelry in a box — hang it using a stylish and functional display made from repurposed picture frames and wooden hangers so it does double-duty as decor.

Storing jewelry vertically also keeps necklaces neat, organized and makes it easy to spot the pieces you love.

Whether you've inherited a collection of vintage baubles or you are looking for a simple solution to organize your bling, getting your jewels out of the box and onto the wall is a great way to display your precious metals.

Add a fabric remnant, such as linen or velvet, to the back of a frame and pin treasured heirloom brooches.

Drape necklaces from brass hooks added to a vintage wooden hanger or line the back of another, deeper picture frame with decorative paper and add cup hooks to hang a collection of necklaces. Hang the



Hanging jewelry vertically keeps necklaces neat and makes it easier to spot all the pieces you love. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

collection in an informal gallery on the wall, using picture-hanging hardware.

Step 1: Gather supplies.

You'll need:

- Picture frames, one regular frame and one shadowbox-style frame

- Wooden hanger
- Paper
- Brass cup hooks
- Fabric
- Foam core
- Double-sided tape
- Scissors
- Wooden hanger
- Spray adhesive (optional)

Step 2: Prepare foam core and fabric.

Remove the glass and the back panel from the frame and measure. Using scissors, cut a piece of foam core to fit inside the frame. Place the foam core on fabric and trim the fabric so that it wraps

around the foam core. Allow approximately 1/2" – 3/4" of fabric around the edges.

Step 3: Add the fabric

Lay the cut foam core on top of the fabric, wrapping it around the edges. Secure it with double-sided tape or use

a spray adhesive to adhere the fabric to the foam core.

Step 4: Reassemble the frame.

Insert the fabric wrapped foam core inside the frame and insert the back panel.

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RETAIL

Not feeling crafty? Buy it

If you prefer to buy rather than DIY, we've found five stylish, ready-to-hang jewelry organizers to keep things orderly.

1 Les Créations à Kim Hang jewelry from this whimsical hook handmade using a slice of wood and a button. Jewelry holder \$22/ \$10 shipping Ready to ship in three to five business days.

2 The Knotted Wood If you prefer a minimal, rustic look, this handmade jewelry organizer will keep things neat and tidy. Wall Mount Jewelry Organizer \$46.82/ \$20.74 shipping Ready to ship in three to five business days.

3 Indigo A sleek, multi-tiered jewelry stand is a great vertical solution. Trigem Jewelry Stand, brass & white \$3.75/ free shipping Ready to ship.

4 West Elm Drape your prettiest jewelry from the tips of these silver branches. Manzanita Wall Jewelry Branch \$154.40/ \$54.48 shipping plus duties Ready to ship.

5 Dee Mac and Co. The peg rail is reimagined as a multi-purpose wall organizer, handmade in Lakeshore, Ont. Geometric Jewelry Organizer \$65/ \$15 shipping Ready to ship in one to two weeks. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Let's get ready to rumble

MLB PLAYOFFS

Jays prepare for Rangers in rematch of last year's ALDS

The bad blood between the Texas Rangers and Toronto Blue Jays has been on a steady boil since Jose Bautista's infamous bat flip in last year's American League Division Series.

A Rowned Odor right hook to Bautista's jaw after a hard slide last May took things to another level.

Simply put, these teams can't stand each other. And now they're ready to square off again for the right to advance to Major League Baseball's final four.

Toronto's dramatic wild-card game victory over Baltimore on Tuesday night set the stage for another round in this dogfight between bitter rivals.

Buckle up baseball fans: this best-of-five series starting Thursday at Globe Life Park could get wild.

On one side is the top-seeded team in the American League. The Rangers secured home-field advantage through the playoffs with a 95-67 record in the regular season.

On the other is a Blue Jays club that finished with an 89-73 mark but was forced to go into Game 7 mode for its last three games due to a September slump.

The Rangers are the favourites but the Blue Jays shouldn't be counted out.



Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor rocks the Blue Jays' Jose Bautista during the last game played between the two teams in Arlington, Texas, on May 15. RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/STAR-TELEGRAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROBABLE PITCHERS

Toronto has announced its starting pitchers for the first three games:

■ **GAME 1: Marco Estrada** (9-9, 3.48 ERA) vs. Cole Hamels (15-5, 3.32);

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. ET
■ **GAME 2: J.A. Happ** (20-4, 3.18) vs. Yu Darvish (7-5, 3.41); Friday, 1 p.m. ET
■ **GAME 3: TBA vs. Aaron Sanchez** (15-2, 3.00 ERA); Sunday, 7:30 p.m. ET

"We're just looking to put them away," Bautista said. "We've got to win some ball games. The offence has been streaky so hopefully we can get on a roll."

Toronto has thrived under

the recent pressure.

Weekend wins over the Boston Red Sox were impressive and Edwin Encarnacion's three-run homer in the 11th inning on Tuesday eliminated the Orioles and electrified Rogers Centre.

"We're not done," Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman said afterwards in the champagne-soaked locker room. "We realize what we're capable of and we're going to take this (momentum) into the next series."

Toronto had a 4-3 edge in the season series over the Rangers.

Roberto Osuna
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Despite Tuesday night's heroics, there was cause for concern when Roberto Osuna left the game in the 10th inning due to a problem with his throwing shoulder.

He described it as a pain-free "stretch" feeling, but expected to be ready for Game 2 after a couple days off.

"It wasn't a big deal," said Blue Jays manager John Gibbons. "It just tightened up on him. The smart thing to do was just get him out of there."

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TORONTO

Jays fan in police photo identified

Toronto police released a photo Wednesday of a man alleged to be the beer-tossing fan at Tuesday's tense Blue Jays-Orioles game at Rogers Centre.

The ID of Ken Pagan, the man in the photo and a copy editor at Postmedia's Hamilton office, has been confirmed by the Toronto Sun, part of the same company.

The incident involved can of beer lobbed by a spectator in the seventh inning of the Blue Jays' tight wild-card showdown Tuesday night. The can nearly hit Orioles left-fielder Hyun Soo Kim.

Meaghan Gray, a spokesperson for the Toronto Police Service, said the alleged beer-hurler would face general mischief charges.

SunMedia reported Wednesday that Pagan denied being the culprit, saying he'd been drinking from a plastic cup on Tuesday.

Pagan, SunMedia reported, had spoken with Toronto police Wednesday night and made arrangements to turn himself in but had not yet been charged.

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HANDOUT

NFL

Brady back in Pats' fold following ban

With his team coming off its first loss of the season, New England coach Bill Belichick has been in no mood to dwell on the return of a certain quarterback this week.

"Right now our focus is on Cleveland, trying to get ready to go in Cleveland. We can't do anything about what it was or wasn't the last four weeks," Belichick said. "That's it, period. This week, Cleveland." Tight end Rob Gronkowski agreed with his coach's assessment, with one caveat.

"It's just like any other week, except Tom's back at quarterback, baby," he said.

After a quiet first two days since the expiration of his "Deflategate" suspension, Brady and the Patriots returned to the practice field Wednesday for the first time to begin preparations for the Browns. Though banned from the Patriots' facilities during his suspension, Brady was allowed to workout and throw passes to former Patriots receiver Wes Welker.

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IN BRIEF

Newton misses Panthers training with concussion

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton missed practice on Wednesday with a concussion, raising concerns about his availability for Monday night's division game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The league's reigning MVP remains in the concussion protocol, three days after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit from linebacker Deion Jones in the fourth quarter of a 48-33 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winning ring for former Cavaliers coach Blatt

Former Cavaliers coach David Blatt has accepted a championship ring from the team despite being fired last season. Blatt was dismissed midway through his second season by Cleveland.

The Cavs were 30-11 at the time he was replaced by assistant Tyronn Lue, who guided the Cavs to an historic comeback in the finals to capture the first major sports championship by a Cleveland team since 1964. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOCKEY

McDavid youngest ever NHL captain

Oilers coach Todd McLellan knew Connor McDavid was ready to become the youngest captain in NHL history eight months ago.

After a long layoff due to a broken collarbone, McDavid returned to Edmonton's lineup and took charge. McLellan saw a supremely confident player on the ice, a person who was comfortable around teammates and at ease with the coaching staff.

"At that point it was real evident he was ready to lead



Connor McDavid
GETTY IMAGES

by as the youngest captain the league has ever seen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

this group." McLellan told reporters in Edmonton on Wednesday. At 19 years and 266 days, McDavid just edges out Gabriel Landeskog and Sidney Crosby.

RECIPE One-Skillet Tomato Basil Chicken



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

One-pot dishes make dinner clean up easy and tomatoes, sweet basil and cheesy pasta make dinner wonderfully satisfying.

Serves 4

Ingredients

- Kosher salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into chunks
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 x 28-ounce can of San Marzano tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups spelt penne pasta
- 1 cup freshly shaved Parmesan cheese, more for garnish
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves

Directions

1. Generously season your chick-

en breast with kosher salt and pepper. Cut into 1-inch chunks. Add olive oil to a large skillet warmed over medium heat. Place chunks of chicken in the pan and brown on all sides.
2. Lower the heat and add garlic to pan. Sauté the chicken and the garlic together for 1 minute. Add the can of tomatoes, chicken broth, water and uncooked pasta to the pan. Bring this mixture to a boil, then decrease the heat to low. Cover the pan and allow it to cook for about 15 minutes.
3. Remove cover and allow the pasta to cook for another 5 minutes, or until liquid is reduced by half. Remove your skillet from the heat and gently stir in the Parmesan cheese. Serve individual portions with a sprinkling of fresh basil leaves and a bit more parmesan cheese

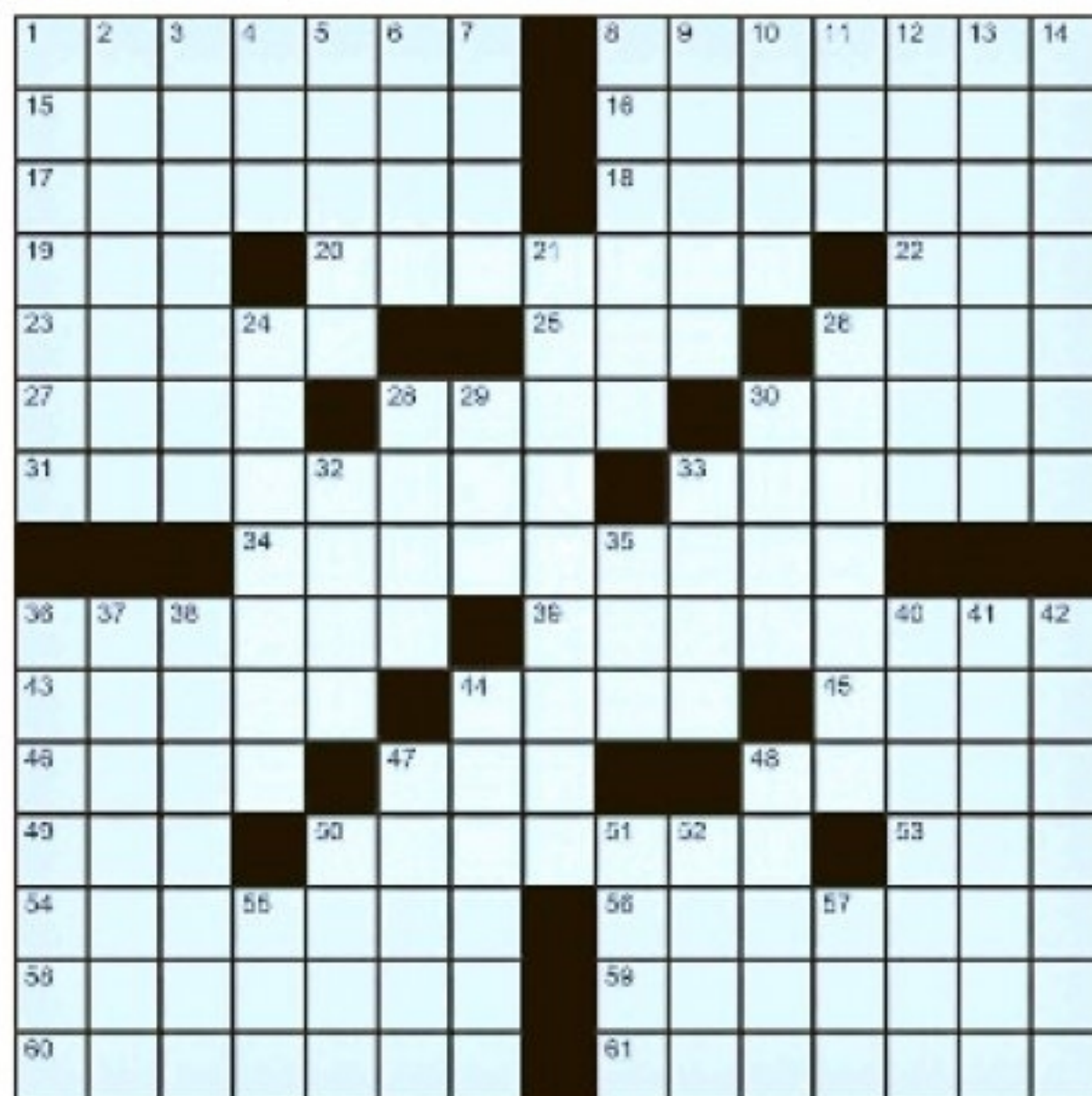
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ACROSS

1. Self-evident facts
8. Bay, Newfoundland
15. Ace
16. Political pundit Ms. Huffington
17. Dubai or Abu Dhabi
18. Put forth, as fact
19. Mr. Bachman
20. Quantity question?: 2 wds.
22. Pallid
23. Condo spaces
25. 'Count' suffix
26. Boost
27. the Clown of classic television
28. Chat
30. Undergarments brand
31. Portrayer of Jan on 'The Brady Bunch': 2 wds.
33. Entrance areas
34. 'The Town That Says You're Welcome' in Conception Bay North in Newfoundland
36. Butt against
39. Exorbitant
43. Group of three
44. Country star Mr. Paisley
45. Trick
46. Lester, "NBC Nightly News" anchor
47. Gents
48. Canadian length measurement
49. Newly built house location selection
50. A Scandal in (Sherlock Holmes story)
53. Container cover
54. TV series in-



stallment
 56. Records repository
 58. Times on the job
 59. Medical examiner
 60. Most jumpy
 61. Those comprehending, say

DOWN

1. England: London Underground, nicknamed: 2 wds.
2. House of (Anastasia's family)
3. Put to work
4. Medit. Sea land
5. Ex-rulers of Iran
6. Prefix to 'cross'

(Off-road sport for bikers)
 7. Crock-Pot serving
 8. National Park, in northern Manitoba located by Hudson Bay
 9. 'Z' Camaro models
 10. Gomez's nickname

for Morticia on 'The Addams Family'
 11. Oscar-winning composer Francis
 12. Interlace
 13. One running shoe
 14. Sorrow
 21. Eastern Townships township in

Quebec which, by its name, makes one think of Australia
 24. Last layer of lacquer: 2 wds.
 26. Rural fun in the Fall
 28. Go sour
 29. Embassy diplomat, for short
 30. Rime
 32. back (Relaxed)
 33. Catty conflict
 35. Org. on 'Snowden' (2016)
 36. Football player or gymnast
 37. Wilted
 38. Leaving a love
 40. Draft
 41. Against the current
 42. Those who are sowing
 44. Command
 47. Styles
 48. Large in scale
 50. Drill hole
 51. Canadian filmmaker Mr. Sennett
 52. Press
 55. Fashion designer Anna
 57. "Deep Is Your Love" by The Bee Gees

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
 Do something different today, because you are hungry for adventure and a chance to learn something new. If possible, travel somewhere or go someplace you've never been before.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
 This is a good day to attend to financial matters, especially related to inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt. Get rid of troublesome loose ends.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
 You have to accommodate others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. (This simply means being co-operative and accommodating. No biggie.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
 It will please you to do something today that makes you feel you are better organized. Get rid of what you don't need. Recycle. Tidy papers and magazines.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
 This is a playful, flirtatious day. Do something that pleases you. Enjoy sports events, movies, the arts and fun times with children.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
 A conversation with a female relative is important today. This is a good day to relax and hide at home among familiar surroundings.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
 In conversation with others today, you want to have a serious discussion. Nothing superficial. You want to know how someone really feels about certain issues.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
 You might be possessive about something that you own today, which is why you don't want to let anyone use it. Some of you will need some shopping therapy..

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
 You will be more emotional about things today because the Moon is in your sign. Keep this in mind when dealing with those who are close to you. Chill out.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
 Today you will prefer to work alone or behind the scenes because it just feels better. You also need a bit of space and a moment to catch your breath.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
 This is the day for an important discussion with a female friend. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with this person to get her outlook.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
 Look for ways to impress someone in authority today, because it will be to your advantage. This person might be a boss, parent or anyone who has influence over you.

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